

## Testimony in SUPPORT of:

- [S.B. No. 184](#) (Raised) An Act Extending Through November 8, 2022, Several Changes Regarding Election Administration as a Result of Covid-19 and Concerning Eligibility to Vote by Absentee Ballot.
- [H.B. No. 5262](#) (Raised) An Act Revising Certain Absentee Voting Eligibility Statutes.

Hearing: FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022 – 10:00 AM

Connecticut has some of the most restrictive voting laws in the nation. It's long past time to fix this as these restrictive voting laws stand in painful contrast to our state's long history of self-governance.

I am writing in support of [S.B. No. 184](#) (Raised) An Act Extending Through November 8, 2022, Several Changes Regarding Election Administration as a Result of Covid-19 and Concerning Eligibility to Vote by Absentee Ballot. And [H.B. No. 5262](#) (Raised) An Act Revising Certain Absentee Voting Eligibility Statutes.

I support [S.B. No. 184](#) because it would extend the right to vote by absentee ballot using the fear of Covid as a valid excuse. There are many voters who do not feel safe going to the polls for a variety of reasons. Some voters have underlying medical conditions that makes Covid-19 especially frightening. Others care for elderly family members or infants. Without this extension these voters could be disenfranchised. **My own 89-year-old mother votes in CT.**

I support [H.B. No. 5262](#) as it would amend our state statutes regarding the "illness" provision for absentee ballot voting so that it is in line with our CT State Constitution. This would help eliminate any ambiguities that might arise and also in the event of future pandemics or medical emergencies it would enable all registered voters to vote by absentee ballot in case of illness without our state government having to rush to pass last minute legislation.

Thank you for supporting voter access to the ballot.

*Signed*

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